

State of Delaware ♦ Department of State
DELAWARE COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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Date: April 27, 2016

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Locations: ☒ Carvel State Bldg. Wilmington (577-5287)

☐ Other Location:

☒ Cannon Bldg. Silver Lake, Dover (760-7034)

☒ Teleconference #: 1 (800) 377-8846 PC: 88395925#

☒ Videoconference:

DCW Attendance & Location ① - Wilmington ② - Dover ③ - Phone-In ○ - Absent

○ Sherese Brewington-Carr,
Chair

② Jackie Griffith

① Rosemary T. Madl-Young

③ Greer Stangl

① Brian J. Bartley

○ Daneya Jacobs

① Raetta McCall

○ Theresa L.I. Del Tufo

○ Kathleen Jacobs

○ Chandra Pitts

② Rebecca L. Evaristo

② Charlotte King

○ Chiqui Gavilan

Staff of the Office of Delaware Commission for Women and Guests

① Romona S. Fullman,
Director

① Nina DeVoe
Community Relations

③ Carmen S. Gómez
Administrative Asst. III

② Lenora Webb
Administrative Asst.

Call to Order – Chair Brewington-Carr called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

I. Roll Call - Quorum Established

Definition: *A quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the Commission shall be one-third (1/3) of those members serving at the time of the meeting. Where there is a quorum, a vote of the majority of members present shall be sufficient for all actions of the commission except amendment of the Bylaws.*

II. Expression from the Public - None

III. Approval of the Agenda - Motion made and second to approve the Agenda. Discussion: Commissioner Charlotte King noted the agenda was the same using placeholder words instead of the specific topics to be covered. (FOIA requires that agenda specifics be available for the general public to help them determine if they want to attend.) Specifically old business and new business should describe the topics of action and discussion. Director Fullman explained that a detailed agenda should be given in advance to Carmen by the Chair and posted seven days prior to the meeting.

Vote: All in favor to approve the Agenda as is Yea (3) Nea (1) Abstained (0) *All members not present at time of vote.*

IV. Approval of Minutes – motion to approve the minutes second No discussion of the minutes. Unanimously approved

V. Chair's Report (Rosemary Madl-Young)

Chair Report Topic of Discussion	Action To Be Taken	Lead	Due Date
Chair Brewington-Carr is traveling for work and unavailable to participate by phone. Chair extended her gratitude for all work and participation in recent events. • The 35th Hall of Fame is continuing to receive donations.	Commissioner Madl-Young was asked to substitute Chair. Chair to send remarks to Commissioners. Those who wanted to contribute but did not; there is still time to do so.		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Pay Day Forum and Legislative Event and Meeting with the Governor • The Maria Shriver Report Surveys 	DCW is in Phase 4, of the Maria Shriver Report project. The Chair interviewed Cabinet Secretary Rita Landgraf; United Way CEO Michelle Taylor, and WPD Captain Sherrie Tull-Hubbard (<i>1st female Captain in the 125 year history of the Department.</i>) The time with these women leaders has been phenomenal and they were honored that we asked them to participate. She has one more interview. Please provide to Rosemary's attention any outstanding tasks so we can complete this important work.
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VI Director's Report (Romona Fullman)

Topic of Discussion (please refer to Director's Report for more detailed information.)	Action To Be Taken	Lead	Due Date
<p>Director acknowledge gratitude to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nina DeVoe for creating a Legislative Hall display. • DCW Commissioner Jackie Griffith for making the suggestion and arrangements for the exhibit, which was well received and created more interest in the HOF. • Lenora Webb and Commissioner del Tufo for their attendance and participation. • Brian Bartley for his presentation at the LWV for excellence speaking and informative topic pre-trial and retention. He also spoke at a forum at the Delaware Law School entitle Women in the Criminal Justice System the Crime of being a Women. Sponsored by Black Law Student Association, Latin Law Student Association and the Black Caucus. 			

V Committee Report

Topic of Discussion	Action To Be Taken	Lead	Due Date
<p>Hall of Fame (<i>Becky Evaristo</i>)</p> <p>Gratitude was given to the HF Committee and staff for an excellent event.</p> <p>Chair has schedule Committee meeting an hour prior to DCW meeting to accommodate and assure attendance; but today's meeting only one committee member were in attendance beside the staff.</p> <p>Total expense \$18,891.50; raised 10,286; DCW budget paid \$8,605.50.</p> <p>Assure that HF member are invited and attend</p> <p>Ten Thousand Village – Chair would like to make arrangement to have this fundraising twice a year. Prior to Mother's Day and Christmas. Location need to name for Kent and Sussex Counties.</p> <p>The next Celebration will be held in New Castle County.</p>			
<p>Shriver Report Project (<i>Rosemary Madl-Young</i>)</p> <p>Gratitude for completed interviews.</p> <p>Folder is needed that all information is received into one location. Need one with data only.</p> <p>Verify with DCW Chair for the contact person or information needed to analyze the data.</p>	<p>Add one more focus group with female legislators</p> <p>White paper – should be review and decision made on how to, and who to present.</p> <p>Find UD research program or Women's Studies.</p> <p>Find name of research intern and teacher, e-mail or call with phone #</p>	<p>Lenora Staff</p> <p>DCW</p> <p>Greer</p> <p>Charlotte</p>	<p>May 10th</p>
<p>Minimum Wage Legislation Update:</p> <p>Rep Brady held the bill it will not go to vote until people go out and asked for it to be released. Tabled for more support.</p> <p>Senate and House Committee received fierce opposition and persons who that spoke at length against it. The sponsor of the House was not present. One female legislator was not in support; Something needs to be done if DCW want to do something within couple week.</p> <p>Contact women's organization and see position, prepare a press release and minimum wage. Ask Rep. Valerie Longhurst</p>			

to have a press or should we strategies.

Greer made a motion to form a committee by to address Minimum Wage Legislation. Seconded.

Questions: Everything sounds good except forming a committee will take time to set-up and coordinate.

Vote was called to have a committee favor: 0-Yea; Nea have it.

Motion made that DCW take the initiative to call House of Rep to consider the minimum wage bill on the floor to vote to take it out of Committee. Rep. Brady does not want to do it until he gets more support from women's organization and low-wage income earner. Have a call in day when you call to request support of removing the bill. Brian redrew motion and reconfigured.

Recommendation made that Commission Greer create two or three strategies and coordinate meeting(s). She will send out actionable and set-up date for a conversation/meeting.

Commissioner Bartley moved for the Chair to advise the Commissioner in full as what the decision of the majority; put forth a strategy to support the bill; communicate with each of the sponsors; create stakeholders; and, have something scheduled by mid-May.

Question: concern getting a committee and assure there is a quorum. Mid-May or at least organize supporter.

Commissioners are invited to attend a meeting to strategies on Wednesday, 12 Noon at Leg Hall Cafeteria.

Old Business	Topic of Discussion	Action To Be Taken	Lead	Due Date
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	None			

VII Adjourn Motion made, second and unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:38 p.m.

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date Submitted</i>	<i>Date Approved w/Edits</i>
Recorder(s)	<i>Carmen S. Gomez</i>	05-06-2016	
Edited by	<i>Nina DeVoe</i>	05-09 2016	
Director	Romona S. Fullman		
Chair	Sherese Brewington-Carr		